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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2002, please amend the above
identified patent application without prejudice as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim 1.

1. (Amended) An air spring (1) for absorbing and transmitting shock loads between parts moveable relative to one another, the air spring (1) comprising a flexible cylindrical sleeve (2) which is secured at each end to form a fluid chamber (14) therein, a piston (11), the sleeve (2) being secured at one end (6) to a retainer (8) and being secured at the opposing end (9) by the piston (11), the air spring being characterized by:
- the retainer (8) having an intermediate ribbed reinforcement structure (16) to strengthen the retainer, allowing for direct mounting of the air spring (1) to one of the moveable parts.

The above amendment is supported by the original specification.

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